

Remarks

Claims 1-15, 17 and 19-31 are pending. Claims 1-6, 14, 20 and 23 are amended to more particularly point out and distinctly claim Applicant's invention.

The Examiner rejected Claim 3 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being incomplete. As amended, Applicants believe the Examiner's rejection is overcome.

The Examiner rejected Claims 1-3, 6-11, 14-15, 17, 19-21 and 23-29 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over U.S. 6,317,605 ("Sakuma") and U.S. Patent 6,115,611 ("Kimoto"). As amended, independent Claims 1, 3, 14, 20 and 23 each recite an access control mechanism whereby a mobile unit is allowed access to location or other information of another mobile unit. For example, Claims 1 and 3 recite personal profiles, Claim 14 recites an access right, Claim 20 recites access control data, and Claim 23 recites an access control list. As amended, independent Claims 1, 3, 14, 20 and 23 and their respective dependent claims are believed allowable over Sakuma and Kimoto.

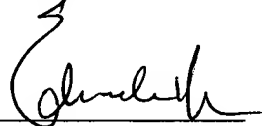
The Examiner rejected Claims 4, 5 and 31 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over Sakuma, Kimoto and B.N. Schilit's article "Disseminating Active Map Information to Mobile Host." ("Schilit"). As Claims 4-5 depend from Claim 1 and Claim 31 depends from Claim 23, Claims 4-5 and 11 are allowable over Sakuma, Kimoto and Schilit for substantially the same reasons as set forth above with respect to Claims 1 and 23.

The Examiner rejected Claims 1-11, 13-15, 17 and 19-31 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over U.S. Patent Publication US2003/0013462A1 ("Adachi") in view of U.S. Patent 6,321,091 ("Holland"). As amended, independent Claims 1, 3, 14, 20 and 23 each recite an access control mechanism whereby a mobile unit is allowed access to location or other information of another mobile unit. For example, Claims 1 and 3 recite personal profiles, Claim 14 recites an access right, Claim 20 recites access control data, and Claim 23

recites an access control list. As amended, independent Claims 1, 3, 14, 20 and 23 and their respective dependent claims are believed allowable over Adachi and Holland.

Therefore, for the reasons set forth above, all pending claims (i.e., Claims 1-15, 17 and 19-31) are allowable over the art of record. If the Examiner has any question regarding the above, the Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned Attorney for Applicant at 408-392-9250.

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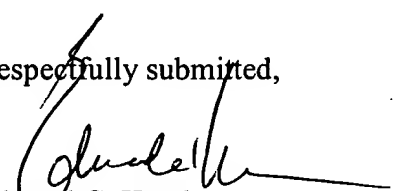


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